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UKRAINIAN MEDICAL WORKERS CONFERENCE

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Representatives of 300,000 Ukrainian medical workers attended the First Republican Professional Union Conference. E. P. Boyko, representative of the Crgybuo Republican Committee of Professional Unions of Medical Workers reported on achievements made by Ukrainian medical workers.

In 1948, Ukrainian cities had 1,700 more hospital beds than before World War II, while facilities in rural regions increased by 8,000 beds. In 1948, some 200 hospitals were reorganized and specialists were added to their staffs. Volovetskiy Okrug, Zakarpatskiy Oblast, has three hospitals and 16 hospital assistant and midwife posts.

Boyko noted that the political training program for over 100,000 medical workers could be improved. He also pointed out that the social insurance budget, reflecting the increase in number of medical workers, amounted to 130 million rubles in 1948.

Children's rest camps have accommodations for 25,000, but construction is below plan, and 2,370,000 rubles allotted for medical enterprises have not been utilized to fullest advantage.

P. K. Sibirko, delegate from Voroshilov stated that the Orgbyuro was neglecting medical needs of the Donbass coal fields.

There are about 30,000 middle and higher medical educational institutions in the Ukraine. N. P. Marchenko, delegate from Stalin's Medical Institute, and Ya. M. Stanislavskiy, delegate from Khark'ov, urged that education of medical workers be placed under the jurisdiction of the Oblast Committee of Professional Unions instead of the Republican Committees to improve general standards of education.

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L. I. Medved', Minister of Public Health Ukrainian SSR, commended the over-all achievements of medicsanitation work in the republic, but pointed out that some of the shortcomings of the program are due to poor administration of sanitation stations.

Medved' stated that we now have a sufficient number of medical specialists. Each can now be assigned in his particular field.

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